



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
DATE: May 17, 2016
FROM: David Boesch, Emergency Services Program Manager
By: John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager
SUBJECT: Approve and present a commendation to Battalion Chief Chris Paulus for his thirty-eight year career with Cal Fire and the Placer County Fire Department

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a commendation to Battalion Chief Chris Paulus for his thirty-eight year career with Cal Fire and the Placer County Fire Department.

BACKGROUND

Battalion Chief Chris Paulus began his career with CAL FIRE in the Youth Forester Protection Program in the Butte Unit of CAL FIRE in June 1978 and joined the Nevada-Yuba-Placer unit as a seasonal firefighter in 1980. Chief Paulus, quickly recognized for his all-around superb skills as a firefighter, was rapidly promoted through the ranks from Fire Apparatus Engineer to Fire Captain, and served in numerous units throughout California.

On May 14, 2007 Chief Paulus promoted to Battalion Chief in the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, where he originally began his career as a firefighter, and from day one led by example on thousands of calls for service to include countless wildland fires saving numerous communities in Placer County and State wide. Chief Paulus positively impacted and educated his communities with his tireless work on wildland fire preparedness, Fire Safe Councils, forest and fire management.

On July 25th, 2015 Battalion Chief Paulus responded to the Lowell Fire, taking command and setting a resource response plan in motion that saved the entire community of Dutch Flat from total destruction by fire and in doing so kept the Lowell fire on the north side of the Bear river and out of Placer County.

For 38 years Chief Paulus exemplified constant positive and proactive leadership and quiet professionalism, improving the lives and protecting the homes, businesses and livelihoods of countless residents and visitors of the mountain communities of Dutch Flat, Alta, Alpine Meadows, Secret Town, Colfax, Iowa Hill, Weimar, Applegate, Placer Hills, and Meadow Vista.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING BATTALION
CHIEF CHRIS PAULUS FOR HIS THIRTY-EGHT YEAR CAREER WITH
CAL FIRE AND THE PLACER COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Chief Paulus began his career with CAL FIRE in the Youth Forester Protection Program in the Butte Unit of CAL FIRE in June 1978, then joined the Nevada-Yuba- Placer unit as a seasonal firefighter in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Chief Paulus, quickly recognized for his all-around superb skills as a firefighter, was rapidly promoted through the ranks from Fire Apparatus Engineer to Fire Captain, and served in numerous units throughout California; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2007 Chief Paulus promoted to Battalion Chief in the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, where he originally began his career as a firefighter, and from day one led by example on thousands of calls for service including countless wildland fires saving numerous communities in Placer County and State wide, positively impacting and educating his communities with his tireless work on wildland fire preparedness, Fire Safe Councils, forest and fire management; and

WHEREAS, On July 25, 2015 Battalion Chief Paulus responded to the Lowell Fire, taking command and setting a resource response plan in motion that saved the entire community of Dutch Flat from total destruction by fire and in doing so kept the Lowell fire on the north side of the Bear river and out of Placer County; and

WHEREAS, for 38 years Chief Paulus exemplified constant positive and proactive leadership and quiet professionalism, improving the lives and protecting the homes, businesses and livelihoods of countless residents and visitors of the mountain communities of Dutch Flat, Alta, Alpine Meadows, Secret Town, Colfax, Iowa Hill, Weimar, Applegate, Placer Hills, and Meadow Vista.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held, on May 17, 2016 the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks and recognizes Chief Paulus for his dedication, commitment, significant accomplishments as a Battalion Chief in the Colfax/Alta Battalion for the past eight years, and a total of 38 years as a public servant for the people of California. We want to congratulate Chief Paulus on a distinguished career with CAL FIRE and the Placer County Fire Department and wish him well in retirement.

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